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PATENT  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

James M. Roberts *et al.*

Application No.: 09/980,758

Filed: November 13, 2001

For: METHODS FOR INCREASING  
PLANT CELL PROLIFERATION  
BY FUNCTIONALLY  
INHIBITING A PLANT CYCLING  
INHIBITOR GENE

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: Unassigned

**FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a copy of the European Supplemental Search Report dated April 16, 2003 in the counterpart European patent application. A copy of each cited reference is also enclosed.

The following articles are set forth in alphabetical order:

CS. De Veylder *et al.*, "Functional Analysis of Cyclin-Dependent Kinase Inhibitors of Arabidopsis," *Plant Cell* 13:1653-1667 (2001)

CT. EMBL Database Accession No. Q9LJL5 Sequence Abstract

CU. Fero *et al.*, "A Syndrome of Multiorgan Hyperplasia with Features of Gigantism, Tumorigenesis, and Female Sterility in p27<sup>Kip1</sup>-Deficient Mice," *Cell* 85:733-744 (1996)

CV. Mironov *et al.*, "Cyclin-Dependent Kinases and Cell Division in Plants: the Nexus," *Plant Cell* 11:509-521 (1999)

CW. Wang *et al.*, "ICK1, A Cyclin-Dependent Protein Kinase Inhibitor From *Arabidopsis Thaliana* Interacts with Both Cdc2a And CycD3, and its Expression is Induced by Absciscic Acid," *Plant* 15:501-510 (1998)

CX. Y. Zhou *et al.*, "Plant CDK Inhibitors: Studies of Interactions with Cell Cycle Regulators in the Yeast Two-Hybrid System And Functional Comparisons in Transgenic *Arabidopsis* Plants," *Plant Cell Rep.* 20:967-975 (2002)

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Applicants believe that their invention as claimed is patentable over the above references taken alone or in any combination. However, Applicants reserve the right to demonstrate that their claimed invention was made prior to any one or more of the above-identified references. No inference should be drawn as to the pertinence of the references based on the order in which they are presented.

Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing references to make his own determination of the patentability of the present invention and that the references be made of record in the file of this application.

Applicants believes that no fee is required for submission of this statement as this Supplemental Information Statement is being filed prior to the mailing of a first substantive Office Action and/or within three months of being first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-noted Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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